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November 9, 1984

Charlotte Ashmun OVERLAND, BERKE, WESLEY, GITS, RANDOLPH & LEVANAS Suite 300 10951 West Pico Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90064

> Re: Church of Scientology of California v. Armstrong, Case No. C 420 153

Dear Mr. Peterson and Ms. Ashmun:

I have been advised by my client, Gerald Armstrong, that an olive-colored briefcase was taken from the locked trunk of his car on November 8, 1984, sometime between the hours of 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. At that time, Mr. Armstrong's car was parked in the underground garage of the Los Angeles Mall. The briefcase contained an original handwritten manuscript and artwork of approximately 350 pages, as well as a number of other papers. The manuscript is comprised of a series of letters written to L. Ron Hubbard in care of the law firm of Lenske, Lenske, Heller and Magasin. The letters were written on Old Country Tree Bond, 100% cotton fibre paper.

The manuscript has inestimable value to Mr. Armstrong. Its loss has placed him in shock and emotional upheaval.

Just prior to his arrival at the Los Angeles Mall, Mr. Armstrong was followed by three individuals, one of whom he recognized as a member of your client. The three individuals drove up alongside Mr. Armstrong at the Vermont offramp of the Hollywood Freeway and took photographs of him John G. Peterson Charlotte Ashmun November 9, 1984 Page 2

as he sat in his car. This occurred at approximately 2:15 p.m. on November 8, 1984.

This letter will serve as a demand for the return of Mr. Armstrong's briefcase, manuscript and papers and will further serve as a request that the photographs and negatives taken of Mr. Armstrong be sent to me.

Very truly yours,

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CC: Larry Heller - Lenske, Lenske, Heller & Magasin Gerald Armstrong

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